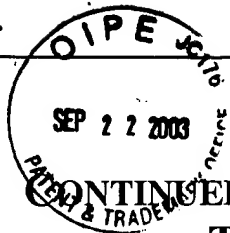


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/500,446
Confirmation Number	2630
Filing Date	February 09, 2000
First Named Inventor	Katsuhiko TACHIBANA
Group Art Unit	1711
Examiner Name	Melanie D. Bissett
Matter Number	Q57866
Title	WATERSTOP SEALING MATERIAL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
 - v. ☐ Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES


Checks for the RCE statutory fee of \$750.00 and an extension of time of three months of \$930.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q57866

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated July 1, 2003. A Petition and payment for an extension of time of three months are attached, making this Amendment due on or before September 19, 2003. An RCE is being filed currently herewith. Do not enter the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on June 4, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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